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MEMORANDUM

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J. A. Servidio
COMDT (G-MOC)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JAServidio".

Reply to MOC-1
Attn of: LCDR Achenbach
7-2735

To: M.S. Boothe
CGDTHIRTEEN (m)

Subj: CLARIFICATION OF GUIDANCE ON MANNING FOR US ARMY CORPS OF
ENGINEERS (USACE) DREDGES

- (a) CGC THIRTEEN (m) memo 16711 of 7 May 03
- (b) 46 USC 8301 (a)(2)(A)

In ref (a) you requested to know if you exceeded the scope of your discretionary authority with regard to your decision involving the required manning for a USACE dredge when it transits between dredge sites.

2. We would be concerned if your decision involved a privately owned inspected dredge (e.g. vessels operated by North American Trailing Company). In such a case the vessel would be required to carry three mates and one master when transiting between dredge sites, unless the transit was a short coastwise voyage of less than 400 miles as specified in ref (b). However, in this case we do not believe you exceeded your authority since these are public vessels not governed by statutory requirements, thus the Coast Guard has broad authority to set manning, and inspection criteria.
3. Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention; I will ensure that chapter 21 of the Marine Safety Manual, Volume III is appropriately amended.

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